

From: DeBord, Steven
To: Duncan, Allen
Subject: FW: Reply requested, New FOIA Assignment for your group, please verify? EPA-2021-006150
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:14:12 PM
Attachments: FOI_FDHYH14.0DD1_HD_OUL_R01.xls

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Hey everyone,

I just got back and am catching up with emails. After reviewing this, I believe that 2013 submission indeed was not "approved" and did not get posted. That same company submitted something 2 years later, though, and FJ reviewed and approved that submission:

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DHY	2005, 2002, 2008, 2006, 2009, 2004	cafc-form-hd-oul.xls			9/10/2013	Incomplete ap	sdd	9/16/2013	N	N	
DHY	2015 FDHYH14.0DD1	FOI_FDHYH14.0DD1_HD_OUL_R01.xls			7/15/2015		FJH	7/21/2015		Y	Complete

I've attached the submission form for the submission that got posted.

Hope that helps, Ching-shih

From: DeBord, Steven <DeBord.Steven@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Yang, Ching-Shih <Yang.Ching-Shih@epa.gov>
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This AFC conversion is the subject of a FOIA and is the center of a lawsuit. I need to know how this AFC was approved and this raises a bunch of questions, the first one is how does an incomplete submission entered in 2013 end up getting approved with a 2015 Family Identifier? Did this application sit there for two years?

We need to begin the process of revoking this approval, the application was never complete and no testing was performed.

The incomplete application was made under my watch on 9/10/2013. I don't believe we were deleting incomplete apps at the time.

I passed AFC responsibility up to Fakhri around 3/18/2014.

I am not sure that dHybrid had any further contact with Fakhri

AFC shows approved now on our website with a 2015 family name. ??

Sorry for the mess,

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From: Hamady, Fakhri <hamady.fakhri@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:37 PM
To: DeBord, Steven <DeBord.Steven@epa.gov>
Cc: Duncan, Allen <duncan.allen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reply requested, New FOIA Assignment for your group, please verify? EPA-2021-006150

Hi Steve,

The following attached documents are the only documents I can find in the EPA AFC Data for dHybrid Systems, LLC. Also, I never received any application from dHybrid Systems for AFC see link below:

Here's the updated link: <https://www.epa.gov/ve-certification/lists-epa-compliant-alternative-fuel-conversion-systems>

Please let me know if I can be of further help.

Regards,
FJ Hamady

From: Hamady, Fakhri
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 3:51 PM
To: DeBord, Steven <DeBord.Steven@epa.gov>
Cc: Duncan, Allen <duncan.allen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reply requested, New FOIA Assignment for your group, please verify? EPA-2021-006150

Hi Steve,

Yes, I will search for documents from January 1, 2010, to February 26, 2013. But as you know, I started working on alternative fuel conversion systems in 2013, and only have one document which I received from you for dHybrid Systems, LLC, (see attachment). Please let me know if I can be of further help.

Regards,
FJ Hamady

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Fakhri,
This is from the early Alt Fuel Convertor days, the only people that will or may have any input is you and me. Can you start to do a deep dive and see what records/emails you have?
Thanks,
Steve

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Steve;
I need to ask you to be the lead on this. I know you don't want to hear that.....
I understand.
Let me know if you want to discuss.
Best regards,
Allen

From: Meekins, Tanya <Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov>
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Hi Allen

I believe the FOIA [outlined below](#) falls under your group.

Steve DeBord is among some of the staff listed in this request.

Can you let me know who will lead this request.

I will send more details about processing the request once you provide a contact.

Thanks

From: admin@foiaonline.gov <admin@foiaonline.gov>
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Subject: FOIA Assignment for EPA-2021-006150

Your office has been assigned to the FOIA request - EPA-2021-006150. Once logged into FOIAonline, you can navigate to this case by following this link: [View](#). Additional details for this item are as follows:

- Tracking Number: EPA-2021-006150
- Requester: Mr. Chaunceton Bird
- Request Track: Simple
- Submitted Date: 08/23/2021
- Due Date: 09/22/2021
- Description:
- Short Description: N/A
- Description: All documents from the time period of January 1, 2010, to February 26, 2013, from any division of the EPA relating to the companies dHybrid, Inc., and dHybrid Systems, LLC, and the individuals Trevor Milton, William "Bill" Milton, and Morgan Mackelprang.

dHybrid was a company seeking EPA certification for certain compressed natural gas (CNG) technology that it was developing for use in commercial diesel engine applications. During the certification process, dHybrid communicated with the following EPA personnel: Steven DeBord, Dean Clifford, Gregory Orehowsky, Justin Greuel, and possibly others. dHybrid probably worked with the Office of Air and Radiation, the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, and the EPA's Vehicles and Engines Division, and may have worked with other offices or divisions within the EPA. dHybrid was conducting road tests of its technology in Utah, California, Nevada, and possibly other states.

This request seeks all documents and communications relating to any and all reported test results, registrations, certifications, applications, requests for information, approvals, filings, submissions, and all other related documentation regarding dHybrid and its agents.